

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-59 stand rejected. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 1-59 stand provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1-59 of copending Application Serial No. 10/768,947.

Applicants respectfully submit that the copending Application 10/768,947 as been expressly abandoned. A copy of the petition to abandon copending Application 10/768,947 is attached hereto. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the §101 provisional double patenting rejection of Claims 1-59 be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office's provisional allowance of Claims 1-59. Applicants respectfully submit that the §101 provisional double patenting rejection has been overcome, thereby placing Claims 1-59 in condition for allowance.

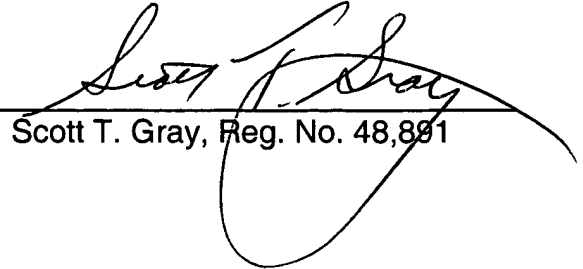
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7525.

Respectfully submitted,

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